

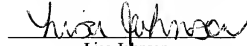
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**REMARKS**

These Remarks respond to the Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2006. No amendments to the claims are made.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 for any charges, if any, arising from this response and to notify us of the same.

**These Remarks include:**

1. Listing of Claims (pp. 2-4); and
2. Remarks and Conclusion (pp. 5-7).